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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement made by the Government of the Republic of Mali following the military coup d'état of 21 October 1993 in Burundi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the Security Council as soon as the matter is referred to it.

(Signed) Nouhoum SAMASSEKOU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Statement of the Government of the Republic of Mali

The Government of the Republic of Mali has learnt with regret of the events which occurred on 21 October 1993 in Burundi, and expresses its deep concern in the face of a military coup which has, on the one hand, disrupted the democratic process in that country and, on the other, overthrown its legitimate Government and institutions.

The Government of the Republic of Mali condemns this unacceptable situation and urges all political forces in Burundi to favour dialogue with a view to restoring compliance with republican law and re-establishing the institutions set up on a democratic basis.

The Government and people of Mali express their solidarity with all the democratic forces which, often at the cost of the supreme sacrifice, have resisted this situation of fait accompli.

Bamako, 21 October 1993